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In re Application of  
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For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR CARRYING OUT  
THE METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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One copy of each of the listed documents on the attached PTO Form 1449 are submitted herewith.


The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English language abstracts for JP 10-63837 and JP 10-171983 are concise statements of relevance for the respective publications. Further, JP 10-63837 corresponds to U.S.P 5,949,915, and JP 10-171983 corresponds to USSN 08/974,689.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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